

REMARKS

The claims are claims 8 to 13, 15 to 19 and 21 to 31.

Claims 8 to 11, 13, 15, 16 and 18 have been amended. Claims 1 to 7, 14 and 19 are canceled. New claims 21 to 31 are added. Claim 8 was amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled claim 14. Claims 9 to 11 and 13 were amended to correspond to amended claim 8. Claim 16 was amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled claim 19. Claim 18 was amended to correspond to amended claim 16. New independent claim 21 includes the subject matter of original claims 8 and 15 in independent form. Claims 22 to 27 correspond to respective claims 9 to 14 except dependent upon new independent claim 21. New independent claim 28 includes subject matter of original claims 16 and 20. Claims 29 to 31 correspond to respective claims 17 to 19 except dependent upon new independent claim 28.

The OFFICE ACTION stated at paragraph 6 on page 14 that claims 14, 15, 19 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Amended claim 8 corresponds to original claim 14 in independent form. Amended claim 16 corresponds to original claim 19 in independent form. New claim 21 corresponds to original claim 15 in independent form. New claim 28 corresponds to original claim 20 in independent form. Claims 8, 16, 21 and 28 are thus allowable. Claims 9 to 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22 to 27 and 29 to 31 are allowable by dependence upon allowable base claims.

The Applicants respectfully submit that all the present claims are allowable for the reasons set forth above. Therefore early reconsideration and advance to issue are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address to facilitate prosecution.

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